

**MINUTES of Franklin County Democratic Party  
Central & Executive Committee Meeting  
Held on April 20, 2023**

Meeting was held on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the IAFF Local 67 Union Hall located at 379 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Meeting called to order by Franklin County Democratic Party Chairman Michael Sexton.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Phyllis Elmo.

Introduction of elected officials by Chairman Sexton.

Rules of the Central & Executive Committee meeting explained by Chairman Sexton (speakers must be recognized by the Chairman, limited to 3 minutes each, only one person may speak at a time and all comments must be relevant to the discussion at hand and all votes must be by a show of hands, or in the case of a virtual meeting, by Zoom poll or phone). Motion to accept rules approved by majority vote.

Minutes from the February 9, 2023 meeting approved by majority vote.

Treasurer report provided by Treasurer Kim Marinello. Balance on hand as of the last Treasurer's report to the Committee on April 20, 2023 was \$62,158.90. Contributions through April 20, 2023 were \$49,135.00. Expenses through April 20, 2023 were \$35,710.09. Current balance on hand is \$75,583.81. Treasurer report approved by majority vote.

Motion to approve appointments to the Franklin County Democratic Party Executive Committee. The following individuals were approved by majority vote:

Executive Committee:

Kimberly Agyekum  
Trish Barker  
Nate Overmire  
Christina Vera  
Trenton Weaver

Brian Shinn administered the oath of office to new members.

Endorsement process is explained by Brian Shinn.

FCDP Screening Committee Report recommendations provided by Committee Chair Marquise Lovejoy. Members of the Screening Committee included Melissa Sull, Rodney French, Deborah Diggs, Marquise Lovejoy, Erin Gibbons, Gretchen James, Stacie Baker, Carole DePaola, Eli Bohnert and Mary Woods.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Steve Browne for Gahanna Mayor in the Primary Election on May 2, 2023 approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Lori Tyack for Franklin County Municipal Clerk of Courts in the November 7, 2023 General Election approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Andrew J. Ginther for Mayor of the City of Columbus in the November 7, 2023 General Election approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Emanuel Remy for Columbus City Council District 4 in the November 7, 2023 General Election approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Chris Wyche for Columbus City Council District 1, Nancy Day-Achauer for Columbus City Council District 2, Rob Dorans for Columbus City Council District 3, Nick Bankston for Columbus City Council District 5, Melissa Green for Columbus City Council District 6, Shayla Favor for Columbus City Council District 7, Lourdes Barroso de Padilla for Columbus City Council District 8 and Shannon Hardin for Columbus City Council District 9 in the November 7, 2023 General Election approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Cynthia Vermillion, Greg Betts and Emily Cole for Hilliard City Council in the November 7, 2023 General Election approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Joe Begeny for Reynoldsburg Mayor, Meredith Lawson-Rowe for Reynoldsburg City Council President, Chris Shook for Reynoldsburg City Attorney, Shanette Strickland for Reynoldsburg City Council Ward 1, Louis Salvati for Reynoldsburg City Council Ward 2, Bhuwan Pyakurel for Reynoldsburg City Council Ward 3 and Erin Hill for Reynoldsburg City Council Ward 4 in the November 7, 2023 General Election approved by majority vote.

Motion to adopt the Screening Committee recommendation to endorse Michael Bivens for Whitehall Mayor, Leo Knoblauch for Whitehall City Council President, Shaquille Alexander for Whitehall City Treasurer, Lori Elmore for Whitehall City Council and Amy Harcar for Whitehall City Council in the November 7, 2023 General Election approved by majority vote.

No Old Business mentioned.

New Business included an update on the ODP endorsement of the Reproductive Rights Ballot Initiative. All are urged to help collect signatures to make the ballot in November. There is a May Primary in Gahanna and various local options so all are urged to check with their voting location before voting. An Ohio Young Democrats update was provided as well as a Statehouse update by Representative Jarrells.

Announcements included the Golf Outing being tentatively planned for Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and the next FCDP Executive Committee Meeting is tentatively planned for July 27<sup>th</sup>. Candidates running in the rest of the county will file in August so be on the lookout for those petitions soon.

Motion to adjourn approved by a majority vote.